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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT
FEB 18 WITH BURGGERS, DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
POLITICAL AND SECURITY AFFAIRS SECTION, MFA. INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS' DISARMAMENT SPECIALISTS VAN DER ZEE AND
BRAND ALSO SAT IN. ALTHOUGH GON IS NOT MEMBER OF PREPCOM,
IT MAINTAINS A STRONG INTEREST IN DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS
AND DEVELOPMENTS LEADING TO 1989 SSOD. DUTCH HOPE TO MAINTAIN
CLOSE CONTACTS ON SUBJECT WITH US.

2. BURGERS SAID DUTCH RECOGNIZE IMPORTANCE OF PREPCOM
AND HOPE THAT WORK IN THREE SESSIONS THERE WILL LEAD
TO A SUCCESSFUL SPECIAL SESSION. HE THOUGHT IS WAS
IMPORTANT FOR PREPARATIONS TO BE VERY THOROUGH AND NOT,
AS HE SAID, LIKE THOSE LEADING UP TO NPT REVIEW
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CONFERENCE. HE THOUGHT THAT WEO REPS SHOULD TRY TO
AVOID BEING LOCKED INTO RIGID TIME TABLES BY LDCE
WHICH PRESCRIBE THE TAKING OF DISARMAMENT MEASURES
OR CESSATION OF TESTS BY CERTAIN DATES.

3. HE AND VAN DER ZEE SPECULATED THAT SSOD MIGHT
RESEMBLE VI AND VII SPECIAL SESSIONS ON ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT IN THAT THIRD WORLD WAS LIKELY TO CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORTS ON DEVELOPMENT. BURGERS NOTED THAT SWEDES WERE DOING SOME STUDIES ON DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS WHICH MIGHT ENCOURAGE LDCS TO FOCUS ON DIVERSION OF FUNDS FOR WEAPONS INTO DEVELOPMENT AID.

4. REGARDING PREPCOM DUTCH HOPE THAT FORMULA WILL BE FOUND WHICH WILL ALLOW NEN-MEMBERS TO ATTEND AS OBSERVERS, AND PARTICULARLY TO HAVE RIGHT TO SPEAK AND PUT IN PAPERS. BURGERS SAID THAT GOVEN GON'S ACTIVE INTEREST IN DISARMAMENT DUTCH HOPE THEY WILL BE BE SHUT OUT OF PREPCOM PROCEDURES. FINALLY, HE SAID, PROGRESS ON SALT NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT PROVE TO BE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN DETERMINING WHETHER SSOD PROVES TO BE A PRODUCTIVE FORUM FOR DISARMAMENT.
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